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FEC Enforcement
Washington, DC 20002

VERIFIED STATEMENT AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Dear FEC:

My name is Andrew Straw and I am a candidate for U.S. House in the 8th District of Illinois, Republican primary to be held on March 15, 2016.

My 2016 Republican primary opponent, **Peter DiCianni**, publicly announced that he was running on September 13, 2015. He has told the Daily Herald newspaper and the Journal-Topics newspaper that he was strongly likely to run all summer.

Mr. DiCianni asked to meet with me on June 14, 2015 and we met in Streamwood, Illinois, on Friday, June 19, 2015. During this meeting, he expressed strong interest in the race and suggested that I should drop out. He said he already had the support of a list of mayors in the district.

The Journal-Topics reporter, Tom Robb. reported in September that Mr. DiCianni had a local "war chest" and implied that this was available for the federal campaign. He used it to denigrate the amount of money I had raised.

This made me investigate the "local war chest" and discovered from the following website that Mr. DiCianni had raised a large amount of money in the past year in his DuPage County Board account. He last had an election relevant to that account in 2012.

https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/CommitteeDetail.aspx?id=24027

Three days after our meeting, on June 22, 2015, Mr. DiCianni had an influx of corporate and banking donations. He also had donations from individuals, but these contributions were specifically from corporations and not individuals. He also had money that was transferred to his account from a labor union, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, on June 29, 2015.

Even five days before he officially announced in the newspaper, he got a $1,000 donation from Union Pacific Railroad on September 8, 2015. The Illinois State Board of Elections records all of this, public record. The next quarter coincides with the FEC 3rd quarter, and it may

be worthwhile to compare the 2nd and 3rd quarter reporting DiCianni has for this "local war chest" with his FEC report.

Mr. DiCianni has both spread his donations around to political groups that now support him, and spent the funds. On June 1, 2015, he paid money to a Robo-calling company. With his last DuPage County Board election being in 2012, the expenditures do not make much sense, since he has given no indication that he will run for that local office again. He appears to be using these local funds for his federal campaign against me.

I ask that the FEC investigate Mr. DiCianni's local campaign fundraising to ensure that it complies with campaign finance laws and regulations. In particular, I believe he has expended funds for his federal campaign without reporting it to the FEC. I also believe that he accepted corporation, national bank, and labor union funds after the time that he met me and lobbied me to drop out of this federal race.

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, verify under pain of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, after an inquiry into the facts that was reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ DATE: September 23. 2015

Andrew U. D. Straw, Esq.
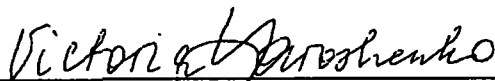Admitted: U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. 12/2013

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The above named <u>Andrew U. D. Straw</u> appeared before me and verified

under oath and signed before me, Illinois Notary Public <u>Victoria M.</u>

<u>Yaroshenko</u>, to the truth of the above verified statement.

September 23, 2015

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Victoria Yaroshenko

My Commission Expires on November 25, 2018

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